

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were submitted for examination. In this Office Action, Claim 1-3, and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Edelstein et al et al (US Patent No.: 5,764,906, hereinafter "Edelstein"), Claims 4-7, 9-12, 14 and 16-26 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edelstein in view of Robertazzi et al (US Patent No.: 6,370,560, hereinafter "Robertazzi"), claims 8, 13 and 27 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edelstein in view of Robertazzi in further view of Ellis, III (US Pat. No.: 6,725,250).

In the foregoing amendments, independent Claims 1, and 14-15 have been amended to further distinguish from the cited references. As amended, Claim 1 now recites:

a plurality of independent computing devices coupled to a network, wherein each of the computing devices is provided with a variety of computing resources;

a coordination computing device configured to coordinate bartering of various computing resources respectively running in the computing devices, wherein each of the computing devices is configured to barter the various computing resources with the coordination computing device that is executing a negotiation process requiring human intervention to determine importance and valuation of a task and benefits to subsequently reach a bartering contract with some of the computing devices; and

wherein a fraction of the computing resources of each of some of the computing devices is coordinated through the coordination computing device and to simultaneously communicate and functionally operate with each other through the network to perform an application.

(emphasis added)

As supported in paragraphs (027) and (030), the coordination computing device is executing a negotiation process that requires human intervention to determine importance and valuation of a task to subsequently reach a bartering contract with some of the computing devices.

In contrast, Edelstein relies on a Central Registry to keep aliases of all available sources or resources so that a negotiation process can take place centrally. The Applicant wishes to point out that the so-called human intervention,

see lines 14-17 of Col. 13 relied upon by the Examiner, teaches that that a user is only involved to override a masking by requesting his/her system to seek out. The user is never involved to determine importance and valuation of a task and benefits associated with the task. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that the amended Claim 1 is allowable over Edelstein. Reconsideration of Claims 1-13 is kindly requested.

Both Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to include similar limitations recited in Claim 1. In addition to the supporting arguments present above, the Applicant wishes to point out that Robertazzi is silent on preinstalled software module running on the individual computing devices and a coordination computing device. Specifically, the coordination computing device is further executing a negotiation process requiring human intervention to determine importance and valuation of a task and benefits to subsequently reach a bartering contract with some of the candidates. Clearly, neither Robertazzi nor Ellis has taught or suggested such combined features. The Applicant believes that Claim 14-27 shall be allowable over Edelstein, Robertazzi and Ellis, viewed alone or in combination.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that Claims 1 – 27 shall be in condition for allowance over the cited references. Early and favorable action is being respectfully solicited.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplementary Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (408)777-8873.

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